

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Dothan, Alabama

Senior Pastor, Dr. James B. Sanders, III

Ministers, All Members of First Church



THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2010

Eight Fifty-five O'clock

THE WORDS OF MEDITATION

Do no harm.

Do good.

Stay in love with God.

~ *Wesley's Three Simple Rules.*

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

Dr. Aesook Lim

THE PRELUDE

"Short Prelude and Fugue in C Major"

Arranger: Krebs

THE GREETING

Dr. Jim Sanders

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The stone was rolled away

on the third day!

Death was defeated

on the third day!

The grave was conquered

on the third day!

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN - 88

"Maker, in Whom We Live"

* THE SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM - 39

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" - 611

Miles Samuel Ezell

♠ Sung before the baptism.

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign, with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

Congregation: We do.

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Miles Samuel Ezell, now before you in your care?

Congregation: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Miles Samuel Ezell with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal Father:

When nothing existed but chaos,
you swept across the dark waters
and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah

you saved those on the ark through water.

After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.

When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,
you led them to freedom through the sea.

Their children you brought through the Jordan
to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,
nurtured in the water of a womb.

He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.

He called his disciples

to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection
and to make disciples of all nations.

**Declare his works to the nations,
his glory among all the people.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
to bless this gift of water and he who receives it,
to wash away his sin
and clothe him in righteousness
throughout his life,
that dying and being raised with Christ,
he may share in his final victory.

**All praise to you, Eternal Father,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns for ever. Amen**

✦ Sung following the baptism.

***Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to know whose
child you are. Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust
and love God more than all.***

THE PARISH JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Reverend Dan Bailey

THE PRAYER CHORUS - 177

***He is Lord, he is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.***

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in
Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive
us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass
against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

* THE HYMN - 2108 (TFWS)

"O How He Loves You and Me"

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 10:25-37 (Pew Bible New Testament Page 71)
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Praise be to you, O Christ.

THE MINISTRY MOMENT

Miss Rachel Purvis

THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

✦ ***All are welcome.*** Print your name and address as you pass the Friendship Folder from the center to the side aisle. When it reaches the end of the pew, pass it back to the other side noticing the names of others. After the service, please greet them and introduce yourself.

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"
Adult Choir, Mr. Michael Keeley, Director

* THE DOXOLOGY - 95

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

✦ ***At the 8:55 service,*** children ages 4 and above are invited to Rock Solid Celebration - a time of worship through songs, skits, and games. After the service, 4 year olds and K can be picked up in room 1117; 1st through 5th graders may be picked up in the Rainbow Room. Children not picked up by their parents will be accompanied to their Sunday School classrooms.

THE PROCLAIMED WORD

Beaters, Passers, and Pickers
Dr. Jim Sanders

* THE HYMN OF INVITATION - 576

"Rise Up, Ye Saints of God"

* THE BENEDICTION

* THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“Lord Let Us Now Depart in Peace”

* THE POSTLUDE

“Exultation”

Composer: Lloyd

* Congregation Standing

Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning is Miles Samuel Ezell, born July 23, 2009. He is the son of Morgan and Alaine Ezell. Grandparents are Sam and Martha Schneider. His great grandmother is Josephine Pace. The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Miles' baptism.

DID YOU KNOW?

Devices for the hearing impaired are available in the box located in the Narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Worship Packets for children age 4 through 5th grade are available in the Narthex. These packets are designed to enhance your child's worship experience. Please return these packets to the Narthex at the end of the service.

Copies of the church's newsletter are available in the Narthex, Heritage Hall Welcome Center, Fellowship Hall, and at The Gathering in the Parlor or at www.fumcdothan.org.

You can sign up to receive a name tag at the Heritage Hall Welcome Center. Lanyards and clips are available there as well.

Our 11:00 worship service is broadcast each Sunday morning from our website at www.fumcdothan.org

WEAR RED TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday, May 23 • Pentecost

Red recalls the tongues of flame in which the Holy Spirit descended on the first Pentecost. During Pentecost, the paraments used in the Chancel area, the banners, and the stoles worn by the clergy and choir are red. You are invited to be a part of this festival of the Christian Church. Wear red next Sunday to worship.

FASTING FOR MISSIONS PROJECT

“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?” Isaiah 58:6-7

This month's mission emphasis is the United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR); specifically relief kits for people affected by natural and man-made disasters. The Missions Committee challenges all of us to fast for one meal this month and to donate the money that would have been spent on that particular meal to the UMCOR relief kits. The donations will be collected next Sunday, during the morning worship services. Then we will gather at 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall on June 2, to compile supplies and build layette kits, birthing kits, and school kits. Together let us fast in the spirit of Isaiah to break the yoke of discouragement, despair and hopelessness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Time and Talent Forms

During the week, completed forms can be returned to the church office. On Sunday morning, you can drop them in the offering plate, at the Welcome Center or at the Gathering Place in the Parlor.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper: The menu this week features fried or baked catfish fillets, cheese grits, hush puppies, salad bar with cole slaw, beverage, and dessert. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. Serving begins at 4:45 and ends at 6:00. Call the office at 793-3555 to make your reservations.

Young-At-Heart: May 25

Young-At-Heart will meet May 25, at 11:00 in the Fellowship Hall and is for folks who are in the 50-plus range. There is a time for fellowship, a devotion, program, and lunch. This month Clayton Jordan will be our guest. Please invite a friend to come with you. Call the office for reservations at 793-3555. Cost is \$6.

Fifty Forward Movie Day: May 26

Movie Day will be Wednesday, May 26, at 2:30 in Room 2123. The feature presentation will be "Julie and Julia". This movie is about a culinary legend (Julia Childs) who provides a frustrated office worker and fledgling writer (Amy Powell) with a new recipe for life. Come and join us for popcorn and a movie.

ACTIVITIES IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

May Madness: Bowling at Patricia Lanes, May 19

Kids in grades 1 through 5 are invited to join us for May Madness - fun and games the first 3 Wednesdays in May! On May 19, we will meet at Patricia Lanes at 3:30. All children must be picked up there by 5:00. If transportation is an issue, please call Dena or Gindi in Children's Ministries at 793-3555. Cost is \$8 per child.

Preschool End of the Year Program: May 20

The Preschool End of the Year Program will be Thursday, May 20, at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The title is *Bible Heros* and will be directed by Mrs. Gindi Prutzman. There will be 93 children involved ranging in age from 3 to 6 years old. Everyone is invited.

Vacation Bible School (June 7-11) "Galactic Blast"

On-line registration is available for "Galactic Blast." This helps so much in the planning and purchasing of materials for VBS. Simply log on to www.fumcdathan.org and follow the link!

NEWS FOR YOUTH

Tonight at UMYF, 5:00 to 6:45 (\$3 Snack Supper)

Seniors Choice Our Seniors have chosen those cool potato chips to go with supper and dessert is going to be special, so you will want to be here! Seniors are picking their favorite things to do, too. Senior Recognition Sunday will be in the Sanctuary at 11:00, and we'll continue the recognition that night. Sixth graders are invited to join us!

Summer Sign Ups are Available Now!

Sign up forms for VBS Helpers, Youth Mission Trip and Choir Tour, REVIVE Camp at Blue Lake, Youth Week, and the Noah's Ark Trip are now available outside the Youth Office.

A GUIDE FOR OUR GUESTS

Welcome! Our church is your church, and we hope you feel and experience the love that makes First Church a unique and

warm Christian family. If you would like more information about the church, please pick up one of our Guest Bags located at the Main Street entrance to the Sanctuary. Devices for the hearing impaired are available in the Narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

***How do I find my way around
the church?***

- Greeters are located at the Main Street entrance to the Sanctuary.
- There are two elevators: one in the Children's Building; the other in the Christian Life Center.
- Main restrooms are located behind the Sanctuary.
- Maps are available in the Welcome Center behind the Sanctuary.

What is the Sunday morning schedule?

- The Gathering -- Eat and Connect -- 8:25 to 11:15 a.m. (Parlor)
- First Light Chapel Communion Service -- 8:15 a.m.
- Sanctuary Worship -- 8:55 and 11:00 a.m.
- The Bridge Worship -- 8:55 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Refresh Service -- 2nd Sunday at 6:30 p.m. (Chapel)
- Sunday Night Praise Service -- quarterly at 6:30 (Fellowship Hall)
- Sermons from both the Sanctuary Worship and the Bridge Worship can be found at www.fumcdothan.org and www.thebridgedothan.org.

***How do I find a Life Circle
on Sunday morning?***

First Church provides Sunday School classes and Small Group studies for children, youth, and adults. Please visit The Gathering behind the Sanctuary in the Parlor for assistance in finding a class or a brochure describing the various adult classes. Contact Sterling at 793-3555 or sterling@fumcdothan.org for more information.

***What is available for my children
on Sunday morning?***

- During the 8:55 service, children are dismissed to "Rock Solid Celebration," a high energy worship time for kids 4 years old and up. At 11:00, children remain in worship for a "Time with Young Disciples" with Dr. Sanders.
- Sunday School classes begin at 10:00 and are offered for all children who have reached age 2 by September 1.
- Infants, crawlers, and toddlers have a nursery with loving caregivers for Sunday School and all worship services.

How do I make First Church my church home?

You may join at the end of all morning worship services. Please fill out a "Wish to Join" card and bring it to a pastor in the Chancel area. If you have any questions about joining the church, please contact Lonnie at 793-3555 or lonnie@fumcdothan.org.

Emergency Weekend Pastor On-Call: 796-9937